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EXCERPT FROM USIB-M-141 dta 21 Feb 61

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Mr. Dulles advised the Board of the substance of a conversation he

had had with Mr. Dutton of the White House in the light of a memorandum from Mr. Dutton to the Secretary of Defense requesting recommendations with respect to a possible reduction of interdepartmental committees chaired by Defense. On the basis of that conversation Mr. Dulles indicated that it would be agreeable to the White House if any inquiries affecting USIB committees were answered by Mr. Dulles in consultation with Board members rather than by the department or agency chairing such a committee. The Members concurred in this procedure.

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